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FOR RCO

FOLLOWING REPEAT PRETORIA 4034 ACTION SECSTATE DATED 9/9/74.

QUOTE C O N F I D E N T I A L PRETORIA 4034

DEPT FOR SY/FO AND OC

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ASEC ACOM

SUBJ: COMMUNICATION PRETORIA - LOURENCO MARQUES

1. PRETORIA PLEASED THAT COMMUNICATIONS VIA E&E VOICE NET LAND-LEASED TELEX AND COMMERCIAL TELEPHONE WERE AVAILABLE THIS WEEKEND AND THAT E&E NET WAS ABLE TO TAKE OVER WHEN TELEX CABLE WAS DISRUPTED.

2. AS A MATTER OF REVIEW, THE FOLLOWING COMMUNICATIONS FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE TO YOU:

A. TELEX COMMUNICATION, MANNED 24 HOURS BASIS AT EMBASSY, PRETORIA.

B. E&E VOICE NET. THIS NET WILL REMAIN OPEN AT PRETORIA ON 24 HOURS BASIS UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. MARINE SECURITY POST AT EMBASSY CAN MONITOR DURING NON-DUTY HOURS AND WILL RECEIVE ANY
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TRAFFIC AND ALERT RSO. RSO CAN BE AVAILABLE AT EMBASSY

WITHIN FIFTEEN MINUTES OF ALERT. RELAY MUST OF NECESSITY BE THROUGH BLANTYRE SINCE PRETORIA SIGNAL IS TOO CLOSE TO YOUR STATION AND OVERSHOTS AT ELEVEN MHZ. CRO IS ATTEMPTING TODAY TO DETERMINE IF TANANARIVE CAN ACT AS BACK-UP TO BLANTYRE. MBABANE IS NOT AVAILABLE AS BACK-UP AS PRETORIA SIGNAL OVERSHOTS AS WELL.

C. TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS: COMMERCIAL TELEPHONE IS SATISFACTORY BACK-UP AS LONG AS POST OFFICE FACILITIES ARE OPERATIONAL. COMMERCIAL TELEPHONE CALL TO DEPT. OPERATIONS CENTER FROM OIC'S HOME PHONE TOOK APPROXIMATELY FIFTEEN SECONDS TO COMPLETE YESTERDAY.

3. RE PREVIOUSLY SCHEDULED RSO TEAM VISIT SCHEDULED FOR 10 SEPTEMBER: TSO IS JUSTIFIABLY RELUCTANT TO TRANSPORT BULKY, EXTREMELY EXPENSIVE, CLASSIFIED MONITORING EQUIPMENT INTO POSSIBLY DISRUPTIVE ENVIRONMENT. WOULD PREFER TO POSTPONE SWEEP UNTIL SITUATION AT YOUR POST BECOMES MORE STABILIZED. WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONCURRENCE. ALSO, PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER ENOUGH CABLE AVAILABLE AT YOUR POST TO HOOP UP DISINTEGRATOR. DOES AIR FED INCINERATOR REQUIRE DISMANTLING PRIOR TO INSTALLATION OF DISINTEGRATOR? IF SO, THIS MAY REQUIRE LOCAL ASSISTANCE TO SEABEE.

4. RSO WISHES TO EMPHASIZE THAT HE DESIRES TO RENDER ANY ASSISTANCE REQUIRED, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSESSMENT OF FEASIBILITY OF ACCOMPLISHING ALL TASKS REQUIRED IN CURRENTY SITUATION. THOUGHT HERE IS THAT IN CURRENT ENVIRONMENT IT MAY BE MORE EFFICIENT TO LIMIT TEAM TO RSO OR RSO AND SEABEE. WILL DISCUSS THIS AT 1400 HOURS VIA TELEX. FYI: TSO SWEEP DUTIES CANNOT BE DISCUSSED ON TELEX.
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